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Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens, and of Many of the Early Settled Families.

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Mary Ann Cowan, then to Fanny Kauffman, and last to Hannah Baumgardner; Silas was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Wells, and his second Matilda Shafer; Stephen married Hannah Jewell; John, Anjanette Loterdale; Jacob, Rachel Wells; Bruce, Hester Shreve; Charlotte is the wife of Mr. Ross; Ann is the wife of Franklin Winbigler; Rilla married A. A. Carr, and Mary married George Sinkerson.

Hugh Funk was born in Virginia in 1802, and came to Wayne County with his parents, where, in 1827, he married E. K., daughter of Isaac Cornell, who came from Pennsylvania to Wayne County in 1813. They first settled in Clinton Township, and in 1834 moved to Plain Township, where Mr. Funk died in 1879, and Mrs. Funk still lives, aged eighty years. They had a family of seven children: Corpus C., in Ashland County, Ohio, married to Mary J. Foltz; Isaac, who was a member of Company D, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Infantry, and died while in the army; Mason, who died aged fourteen years; Lois, wife of A. G. Beall, of Mount Ayr, Iowa; Eunice, deceased wife of Louis Baird, of Porter County, Ind.; Laban, married to Eliza Bear, and is a farmer of Porter County, Ind., and Zenas, whose name heads this sketch.

Zenas Funk was married, in 1868, to E. C., daughter of William R. Tyler, and they have had five children—Bert A., W. Deloss, Lois B., Isaac (deceased) and Zenas Paul. After his marriage Mr. Funk located on the farm he still owns, where he has been a successful farmer and stock-raiser. During the War of the Rebellion he was a member of Company C, Sixteenth Ohio Infantry, and was wounded at Vicksburg, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. He is identified with the Republican party, and has served his township in various official positions. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

JAMES A. BRUCE, a well-known citizen of Wayne County, is a native of Scotland, where he was born in February, 1839, and is a son of Alexander and Martha (Russell) Bruce. His father, who was a farmer, and his mother, a daughter of John Russell, were also natives of Scotland, and came with their family to Wayne County in 1841. Here they settled upon a partly improved farm, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The mother died in 1863, aged fifty-five years, and the father in 1868, aged almost sixty-eight. Alexander Bruce was a stanch Republican, and both he and his wife were members of the United

Presbyterian Church of Wooster. Mr. Bruce began life a poor boy, and by his own industry and prudence, with the aid of his faithful wife, acquired a competence, and he also won the esteem and confidence of all who knew him.

James A. Bruce was about three years old when he came with his family to this country. His early life was spent upon the homestead, and he had the educational advantages afforded by the district and schools of Wooster. On the 7th of March, 1872, Mr. Bruce was united in marriage with Miss Maggie, daughter of Robert and Martha Dobbs, and a native of Wayne County. Her ancestors were of Irish origin, but were early settlers in this country. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce have been blessed with five children: Harry, Evangeline, Robert Pollock, Alexander and Christina, all at home. Mr. Bruce has four sisters living: Mina and Margaret, who reside in Wayne County; Christina (Mrs. Wallace), in Plain Township, and Jennie (Mrs. Knox), in Illinois. A brother, Alexander, lived in Holmes County, where he died, and where his widow and children now live.

Mr. Bruce is an earnest Republican, and he and his wife are active members of the United Presbyterian Church. His family is widely known and highly esteemed. Mr. Bruce's life, since coming to manhood, has been devoted to the upbuilding of Wayne County and its interests. He has been prosperous in business, thanks to his industry, intelligence and foresight, and is a leader among men in his community, where he is highly respected and warmly beloved for his many manly qualities.

JACOB J. HAMMER was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 15, 1829, and is a son of John A. and Christiana (Gardhefner) Hammer, who immigrated to America in 1840, and settled in Lawrence Township, Stark Co., Ohio, where they followed farming and lived and died. They reared a family of eight children, viz.: Mary M. (Mrs. Allen Shunk), Dominick, Jacob J., Catherine (Mrs. John Weaver), Simon, Andrew, Elizabeth (Mrs. John Warner), and John A., all of whom are now living.

Jacob J. was educated in the schools of Germany and Ohio, and served an apprenticeship of three years at the wagon-maker's trade in Stark County, Ohio. In 1851 he came to Doylestown, Wayne County, where he worked as a journeyman one year, and in 1852 he started a shop at Easton, same county, which he successfully conducted until 1857, when he removed to Milton Township, where he was engaged in farming ten years. In